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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated November 12, 2002, which set a one month period for response, the invention of Group I is elected, Claims 22-43, 48 and 49, drawn to methods of treatment, with traverse. The species fipronil is also elected, with traverse.